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Magazine Verse.
Out of the dark tarn sodden rain
Into the night,
Faces that tarnish and turn
Again
Amethyst white.
Round me the pulsing misty
Years
Limitless gloom,
Ownpour and eddying swirl of
Tears--
Terrible doom!

Reader, picture these awful
Scenes,
Why do you sigh?
You don't know what this poem
Means?
Neither do I.
---Washington Post.

Editorial Comment.
Omaha Bee: Brazilians have
Had a good look at the Monroe
 doctrine.

Chicago Record: In Berlin
The police charge the populace.
Are the butchers do it.

Indianapolis News: Meantime
Don't seem to be making
Much headway toward putting
The prominent and wealthy
Defectors in prison.

Michigan Leader: That east-
ern author who says that mod-
ern transportation has killed
Immance must have overlooked
The international marriages.

Washington Post: Some men
Will find fault with any kind of
Racial legislation that does
Not make it unnecessary for
Them to work for a living.

Richmond Times: Nowadays
Every candidate for the presi-
dency must show the stuff he is
Made of by passing through a
Riff course of dollar dinners.

Atlanta Journal: Tough times
Or a Georgia colonel. He can't
Send it for booze and they
Won't let him play poker.
Nothing left but to throw it
Away on wife and children.

Newberry Observer: While
The legislature is in session they
Might consider the question of
A election law that really elects.

Anderson Mail: Advices from
Columbia say the dome of the
State house seems to be bearing
Up very well under the strain.

John D. is coming down to
Augusta this week. We hope
The price of oil and gasoline will
Come down at the same time.
---Union Progress.

Some persons are so sure that
Whisky is an antidote for grip
That they don't wait for the grip
To reach them.

"Wet" Prohibition.
Here is some highly interest-
ing and significant information
From a state whose people have
Grafted the principle of prohibi-
tion onto their constitution
And have enacted the most rigid
Laws for the suppression of the
Wine traffic, but most of whom
Now in their "heart of hearts"
At their system actually and

absolutely increases liquor-
drinking, promotes intemper-
ance and invites and encourages
law-breaking--- Maine, whose
motto is, "I direct."

Under her "prohibition law"
---strange misnomer in this in-
stance!--Maine has a state li-
quor agent, who disburses intox-
icants to local agents in such
cities and towns as choose to ap-
point them under the restric-
tions of the statutes; and these
city and town agents sell from
their stocks for "medicinal pur-
poses" only, the profits being
turned into the public treasur-
ies. The annual report of the
state agent, just submitted,
shows that during the year 1907
he "handled" liquors the 16 sub-
agencies to the aggregate value
of \$110,877.49, the city of Lewis-
ton on the Androscoggin being
the banner agency for the year.
Lewistonites "took their medi-
cine" to the tune of \$28,552, the
distribution of the prescriptions
being as follows:

"Two thousand six hundred
and forty-seven and forty-one
one hundredths gallons of whis-
ky in bulk; 182.01 gallons of
brandy; 682.92 gallons of gin;
1,632.55 gallons of alcohol; 1,192.
78 gallons of rum; 305 gallons of
wine; 98 1-2 gallons of cherry
rum; 477 dozen quarts of whis-
ky; 27,11-12 dozen quarts of
brandy; 81 dozen quarts of gin;
18 dozen quarts of champagne;
198 dozen quarts of porter; 1,012
dozen quarts of ale; [two doz-
qts. rum; 40 doz. qts. of wine,
and 384 dozen quarts of beer."

It will at once be noted that
the ailment in Lewiston calling
for liquor prescriptions as the
necessary medicine is, presum-
ably, that disorder commonly
called a "chronic thirst"---else
why should the dispensary's
business be so largely in whisky
and rum and ale, while wines
figure so inconspicuously? And
if the city managed to dispose
in one year of \$28,000 worth of
supposedly pure intoxicants at
fair market prices, who will
dare compute the revenues from
the illegal traffic there in the
cheaper liquors---the vile, health-
impairing, crime-compelling,
brain-destroying stuff dispensed
at the speak-easies and the
kitchen-bars and from myriads
of walking pockets? Is half a
million dollars a bit too high in
a population of 30,000? Wouldn't
a million dollars be nearer the
actual amount?

Great is prohibition! And
greater, vastly, is its chief
prophet, the Pine Tree State.--
N. Y. Commercial.

Culinary Conceits
Never stir cake after final
beating. The beating motion
should always be the last used.
When interrupted while fry-
ing in deep fat, drop a crust of
dry bread into the fat to prevent
its burning.

When the time for cooking
vegetables is limited pour boil-
ing water over them, then
strain and cook in the usual
way.

When frying croquettes be
sure to plunge the basket in hot
fat before the croquettes are
placed in it. This will prevent
their adhering to the wire when
lifted out.

When roasting meat, to make
the gravy nice and brown, take
a tablespoonful of sugar and
melt it in a pan till it smokes;
then add boiling water, stir well
and mix with the gravy.

Book Agent--I have a book here on
"Things You Ought to Know."
Subbute--Then you ought to know
that I don't want one.

Writers' Cramp.
Writers' cramp is a serious matter
to people whose work requires that
they use a pen very much, while for
the unaccustomed writer who takes an
afternoon off now and then to catch up
with her correspondence it is, to say
the least, very discouraging. The trou-
ble is more than muscular in this kind
of cramp. Very often a low, nervous
condition will cause it. Then one
should take it as a warning that the
system is run down and needs general
toning up. Very often, however, the
trouble is all in the way you hold your
pen.

Children now in school are not like-
ly to be troubled with writers' cramp,
because they are taught to hold the
pen lightly and make all the move-
ments from the arm instead of the
hand. The old-fashioned method
which most of us learned of holding
the pen between the thumb and fore-
finger is also very likely to encourage
a cramp. The muscles become tense
and hard, until finally they contract so
much that all control over them is
lost. The pen should be held between
the first two fingers, well up toward
the joint. The trouble may often be
relieved by putting the hand and wrist
into the hottest water one can stand.
---Boston Herald.

Tenderness of the Hanging Judge.
Mr. Justice Hawkins' tenderness for
women prisoners was well known. He
admitted it, and he had a great dislike
of sentencing these poor creatures to
death who had been recommended to
mercy and would probably be reprieved.
On one such occasion the sheriff
asked if he was not going to put on
the black cap.

"No," he answered, "I am not. I do
not intend the poor creature to be
hanged, and I am not going to frighten
her to death."

Addressing her by name, he said:
"Don't pay any attention to what I
am going to read. No harm will be
done to you. I am sure you did not
know in your great trouble and sorrow
what you were doing, and I will take
care to represent your case so that
nothing will harm you in the way of
punishment."

He then mumbled over the words of
the sentence of death so that the poor
creature did not hear them.--London
Graphic.

Lobster Fare.
Hungry lobsters in their natural
state seldom refuse fish of any kind,
whether dead or alive. The favorite
bait with fishermen is fresh or stale
herring, but even shark meat is used
at a pinch. Lobsters also eat small
crabs, sea urchins and mussels. In-
deed, there are few forms of marine
life suitable for food which they re-
fuse. Lobsters sometimes capture fish
alive, striking them with the smaller
of their two great claws, which for
this reason fishermen call the "quick"
or "fish" claw, but they will live for a
long time, especially when confined
without taking any food. If you tether
the lobster by the large claws, you will
find that, like the muskrat, he will go
off some fine morning, leaving only his
legs in the trap, for this animal has
the remarkable power of "shooting a
claw," or amputating its limbs, and,
what is still more wonderful, of grow-
ing new ones from the stumps left be-
hind.--St. Nicholas.

The Microscope.
There is good reason to believe that
the magnifying power of transparent
media with convex surfaces was very
early known. A convex lens of rock
crystal was found by Layard among
the ruins of the palace of Nimrud.
And it is pretty certain that after the
invention of glass hollow spheres
blown of that material were commonly
used as magnifiers. The perfection of
gem cutting shown in ancient gems,
especially in those of very minute
size, could not have been attained
without the use of such aids to the
eye, and there can be little doubt that
the artificers who could execute those
wonderful works could also shape and
polish the magnifiers best suited for
their own or others' use.--New York
American.

Rifled Firearms.
In the South Kensington museum
are several wheel lock muskets with
rifled barrels made during the reign of
Charles I., if not earlier. Such barrels
were then usually called "screwed."
Zachary Grey in a note on "Hudibras,"
part 1, canto 2, line 533, says that
Prince Rupert showed his skill as a
marksman by hitting twice in suc-
cession the vane on St. Mary's Stafford at
sixty yards with a "screwed" pistol.--
London Notes and Queries.

The Forests.
A true forest is not merely a store-
house full of wood, but, as it were, a
factory of wood and at the same time
a reservoir of water. When you help
to preserve our forests or to plant new
ones, you are acting the part of good
citizens.--Roosevelt.

Reputation and Character.
Lawyer (examining jury)--Do you
understand the difference between
character and reputation? Juror--Re-
putation is the name your neighbors
give you; character is the one they
take from you.--Judge.

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